Housekeeper's Shrewd Scheme in Interests of Economy.

They had dropped in at the Acorn for tea and meeting by chance they be-gan to talk about servants, for even at the Acorn it is impossible to keep the servant question always down.

"Take economy, for instance," said the woman who drank her tea with lemon, a la Russe. "Why will so many servants thwart your efforts toward economy? Why do they love to see you spend and hate to see you

She chose from the tray a tiny tart-

let of white grapes.
"I got the best of my laundress the other day, though," she went on. "My laundress selects the soap to be used all over the house and my soap bills are frightening. Not that so much soap is used, but it is such an expensive quality.

"At the first of the year I resolved that on this one item I would retrench. Accordingly I told my laundress that we would change our soap and I or dered two sample cakes, one a very high priced article, the other a low

"I changed the wrappers on these two cakes of soap and gave them to

the laundress for trial.
"'Well, madam,' she said to me the
next morning, 'that cheap soap was worthless, but the expensive one, the

Gold Bar, is very good, indeed."
"Very well," said I, "we will use
Gold Bar soap hereafter, then, regardless of expense.
"Since then I have been buying the

cheap soap and putting on it Gold Bar wrappers that I keep on hand. My laundress is content and I save 50 per

cent on my soap bills."
"But where," said a colonial dame,
"do you get your Gold Bar wrappers?"

"The same three serve time and again. The laundress saves them and brings them to me. She thinks I am collecting wrappers in order to get the dinner service that the Gold Bar. like other soap companies, offers to its patrons."-Chicago Chronicle.

Sculling Over the Ice.
John O'Neil, the well-known oars-man of Halifax, Nova Scotla, has invented a very ingenious method of keeping in trim during the winter months. By mounting a sliding seat arrangement on runners he, with the aid of a pair of knife-edged oars, moves over the ice at a very rapid rate. The novel racing shell has proved quite a success.

SAVED MONEY ON SOAP BILLS. HE IS THE TALLEST SOLDIER.

Lieutenant in Kaiser's Bodyguard is

Over Seven Feet Tall, Undoubtedly the tallest soldier in the world is Josef Handel, who has recently been made a lieutenant in the kalser's famous bodyguard. the past year and before he became a soldier he was exhibited under the simple name of "der lange Josef" in the Berlin Panopitikon and other places of interest in the large cities of Germany as the tallest youth on earth, a distinction to which he is easily entitled, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Handel is not 22 years old, yet he stands 7 feet 8 inches in his stockings. Though he was earning a big salary he did not hesitate a moment when the kaiser called him to his bodyguard in Potsdam. He would never have been given the honor if the kaiser's physicians had not pronounced him perfectly proportioned physically and of sound health. A remarkable fact is that Handel's parents, who live in Leipzig, are people of ordinary size, as are also his brothers and sisters, of whom there are seven. Handel makes a picturesque figure in his guard uniform and the high helmet makes him look a veritable Goliath. Frederick the Great would have given his West pipe to have added such a giant to his guard of tall soldiers.

Need of Good Roads.

The awakening of the country to the need of good roads has just begun. The next few years will see some rapid strides in this matter. Two gun. of the most potent factors in the present awakening are the automobile and rural free delivery.

transcontinental automobile race, which was pulled off last summer, resulted in the accumulation of much valuable information as to the road conditions between New city and Portland, Oregon. The two seven-horsepower runabouts which contested made the distance of 4,000 miles in 44 days, demonstrating the feasibility of the automobile as a means of long-distance transportation. The finish of the race was made in Portland in time for the national good roads convention.

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